HUH...?

HU...BERT?

LONG TIME NO SEE!!
THAT'S RIGHT.
YOU LOOK GREAT.
I'M SORRY TO HAVE TO
MEET YOU LIKE THIS.
WHY DON'T WE GO SOMEWHERE
AND TALK FOR A MINUTE?

UH...
LARRY SAID HE'D BE BACK SOON...
SO AS LONG AS I'M BACK SOON, IT'S FINE.

Winter Woods

I HAVE A NAME NOW! WINTER. WINTER WOODS.
JANE MADE IT FOR ME!
ISN'T IT A REALLY COOL NAME?
I HAVE THREE NEIGHBORS TOO, PLUS A FRIEND.
HER NAME'S ADORA. SHE'S SMALL AND PRETTY. OF COURSE, JANE IS THE PRETTIEST THOUGH. I'M SAD THAT I CAN'T SEE ADORA VERY OFTEN.

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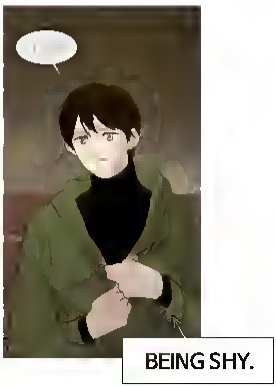
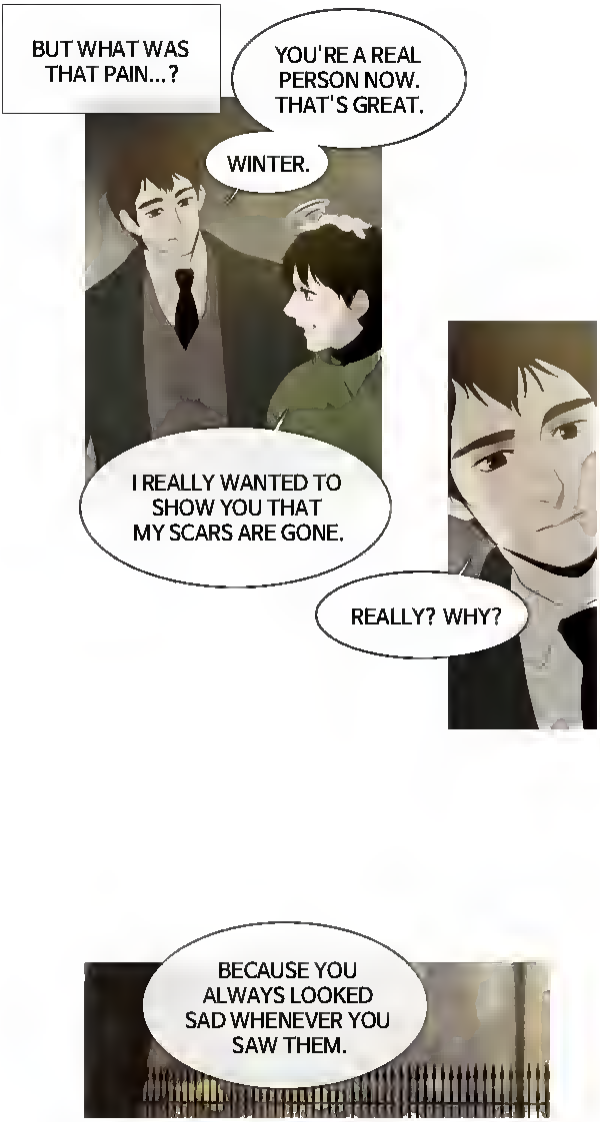
I REALLY WANTED TO THANK YOU, HUBERT.
SINCE YOU BROUGHT ME TO JANE.
YOU'RE MY SAVIOR.

...SAVIOR
AH, RIGHT!

THE SCARS ARE GONE, TOO!


BEING SHY.

HE LOOKS HEALTHY ON THE OUTSIDE.
HE ACTUALLY LOOKS GOOD.


BUT WHAT WAS THAT PAIN...?
YOU'RE A REAL PERSON NOW. THAT'S GREAT.
WINTER.
I REALLY WANTED TO SHOW YOU THAT MY SCARS ARE GONE.
REALLY? WHY?
BECAUSE YOU ALWAYS LOOKED SAD WHENEVER YOU SAW THEM.

NOW THEY'RE ALL BETTER, SO YOU CAN SMILE.

YOU'VE REALLY...
CHANGED A LOT.

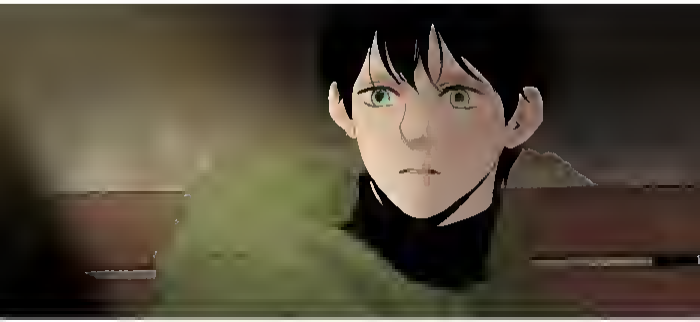
BUT WINTER,
YOU DON'T HAVE TO
WORRY ABOUT ME.
HOW'S YOUR BODY?
DO YOU FEEL ANY
KIND OF PAIN?
NOPE.
I FEEL GREAT,
ACTUALLY.
I FEEL WARMTH
IN THE PALMS OF MY HANDS,
AND I CAN FEEL THE COLD
WITH THE TIP OF MY NOSE
AND...
MY HEART IS
BEATING
REALLY?

IT REALLY BEATS HARD WHENEVER I SEE JANE.
IT BEATS SO HARD THAT IT'S HARD TO BREATH, BUT I LOVE THAT FEELING OF JOY.
IT FEELS MORE LIKE, UM-.. I'M BREATHING IN JANE THAN AIR...
IT'S LIKE I'M BREATHING IN THE AIR AROUND JANE.

I TOLD YOU NOT TO TRUST ANYONE, NOT EVEN ME.

SEEING YOU NOW, IT LOOKS LIKE YOU'VE FORGOTTEN THAT.
IF YOU HAD REMEMBERED, YOU WOULD HAVE BEEN SUSPICIOUS WHEN YOU FIRST SAW ME BEFORE.

WHAT KIND OF SUSPICION?
A SUSPICION
THAT I MIGHT DRAG YOU BACK TO THAT TERRIBLE PLACE AGAIN.



R-ROY...?

ROY!!!!
HEY!! OPEN YOUR EYES!

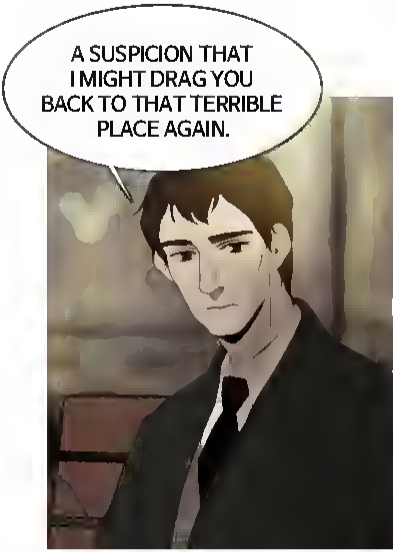
BEEP
BEEP
BEEP

RIIIIING—
RIIIING
WHY WON'T LARRY ANSWER HIS PHONE?

CLICK
HELLO?
LARRY!!!
IT'S JANE!
THERE'S A REALLY URGENT PROBLEM! WHERE'S WINTER? PUT WINTER ON THE LINE FOR ME!

WHAT?? WINTER?
UH- RIGHT NOW
SWEAT
HE'S WA~~~~Y
OVER THERE.
SWEAT
HOW MUCH
LONGER?
I'M CALLING
HUBERT!
JUST BUY US A BIT
MORE TIME!

THERE'S AN URGENT PROBLEM! I'LL JUST GO OVER THERE!
WHAT IS IT?
WHERE ARE YOU??
YOU'RE COMING HERE!? UH... WELL, I'M AT...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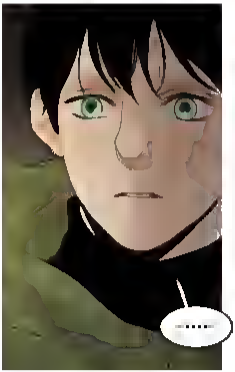
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NO. I KNOW YOU WOULDN'T DO SOMETHING LIKE THAT, HUBERT.

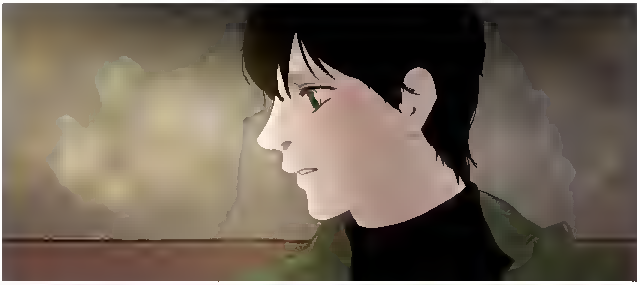
BUT I TOLD YOU NOT EVEN TO TRUST ME.
IN FACT, YOU SHOULD BE SUSPICIOUS OF EVERYONE AROUND YOU.
I TOLD YOU NO ONE IS EVER KIND WITHOUT EXPECTING SOMETHING IN RETURN. WHY DIDN'T YOU LISTEN TO ME?

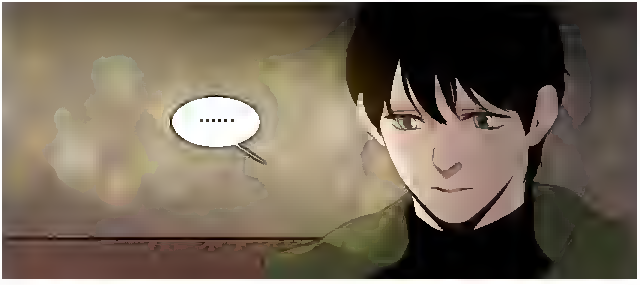
JANE, LARRY, SMITH AND ADORA ARE ALL GOOD PEOPLE, AND OF COURSE YOU ARE TOO, HUBERT.

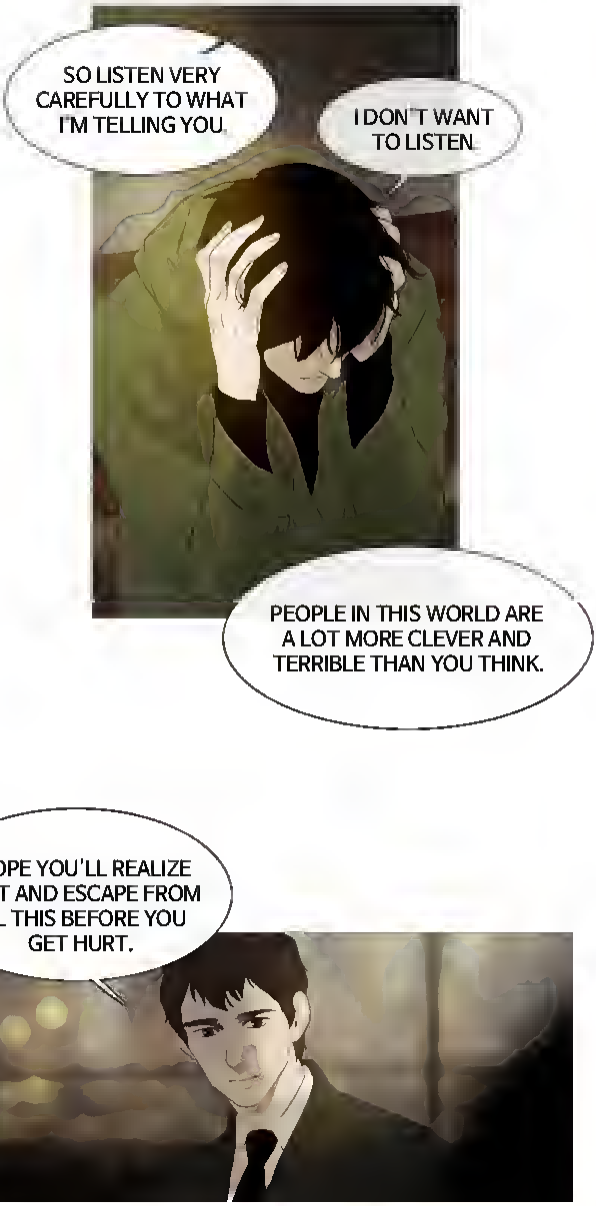
I LIKE THEM. THEY'RE NOT THE KIND OF PEOPLE TO TRICK SOMEONE.

WHAT IF I TRICKED YOU INTO COMING HERE SO THAT I COULD DRAG YOU BACK TO THE LAB. IF THAT'S SO, THERE'S NOTHING YOU CAN DO.

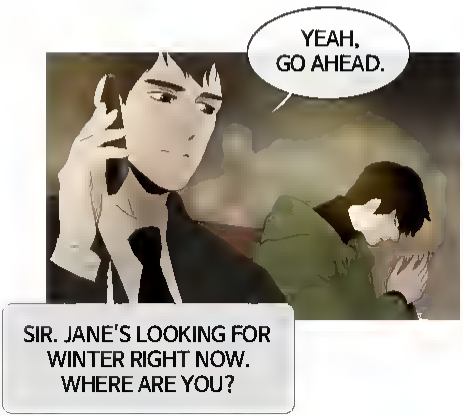
ALL YOU CAN DO IS GET DRAGGED BACK THERE LIKE A FOOL WITHOUT ANY WAY OF DEFENDING YOURSELF.

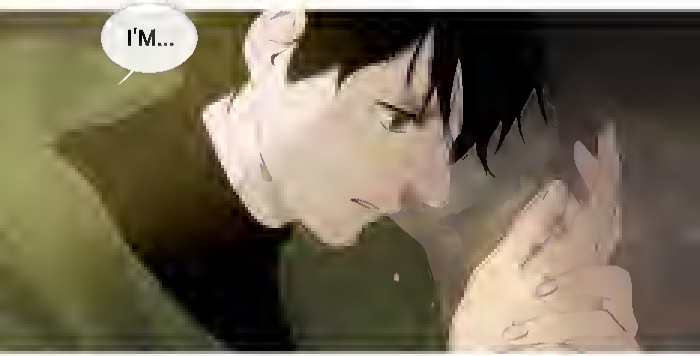





SO LISTEN VERY CAREFULLY TO WHAT I'M TELLING YOU.
I DON'T WANT TO LISTEN.
PEOPLE IN THIS WORLD ARE A LOT MORE CLEVER AND TERRIBLE THAN YOU THINK.
I HOPE YOU'LL REALIZE THAT AND ESCAPE FROM ALL THIS BEFORE YOU GET HURT.

WINTER-
BZZT
BZZZT


YEAH, GO AHEAD.
SIR. JANE'S LOOKING FOR WINTER RIGHT NOW. WHERE ARE YOU?

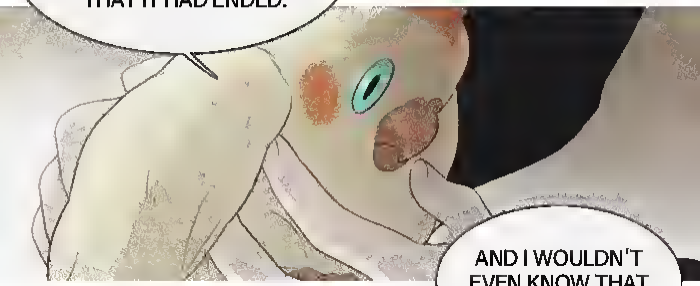

I'M...

NOW CALM DOWN, JANE.
UH... I'M NOT SURE HOW TO EXPLAIN WHERE I AM TO YOU.
HE SAID THEY'RE AT A PARK IN FRONT OF THE SHOPPING CENTER.
AH~! I'M AT A PARK IN FRONT OF THE SHOPPING CENTER.

ALRIGHT! I'LL BE RIGHT THERE!
TA TA TA
HIS HEARTBEAT IS GETTING WEAKER AND WEAKER!

IF I WERE TO JUST STAY ASLEEP AND NEVER WAKE UP, THAT WOULD BE THE END.

NO, I WOULD JUST END UP BEING NOTHING, WITHOUT EVEN KNOWING THAT IT HAD ENDED.

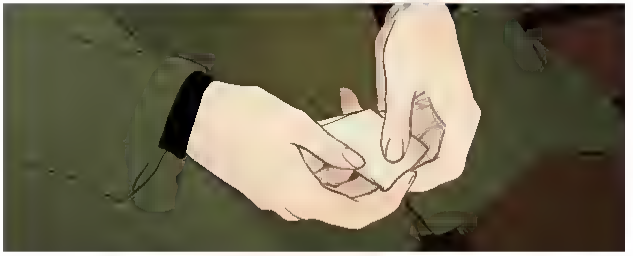


AND I WOULDN'T EVEN KNOW THAT I WAS NOTHING.

THAT'S DEATH...

I DON'T WANT TO DIE...

ROY!
DON'T YOU DARE
DIE ON ME!!
I'LL KILL YOU
MYSELF IF
YOU DO!!

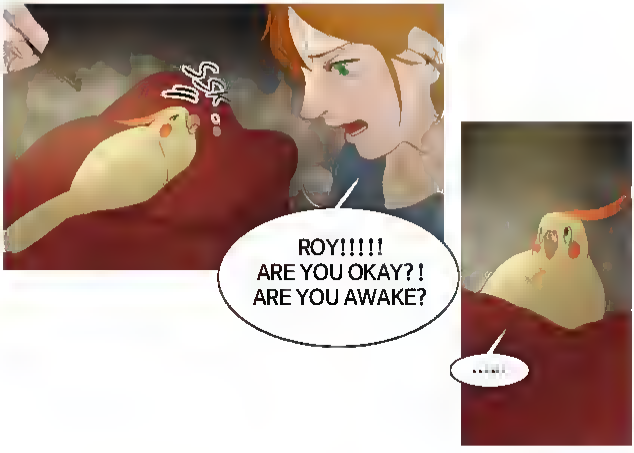


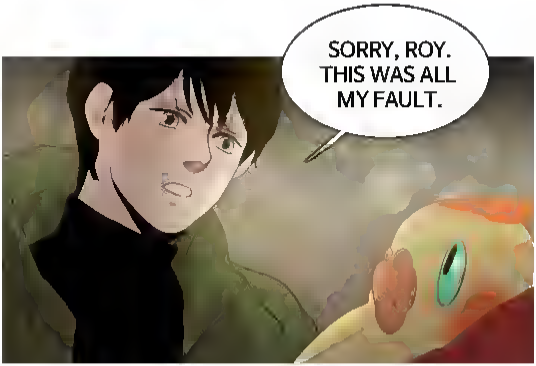
WINTER!!!!
JANE?

JANE! HOW DID YOU KNOW I WAS HERE?
HUFF
HUFF
...ROY
ROY...! THERE'S SOMETHING WRONG WITH ROY!

I CAN'T EVEN HEAR HIS HEARTBEAT NOW!
HURRY UP AND WIND UP HIS SPRING!!
I'M SORRY, ROY...
SSK

CREAK
CREAK


ROY!!!!!
ARE YOU OKAY?!
ARE YOU AWAKE?


SORRY, ROY.
THIS WAS ALL
MY FAULT.

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